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SUBJ: COMM/NOAA/SFCP--"RELATING ENVIRONMENT TO CROP
PRODUCTION"

REF: TUNIS 343; STATE A-1559; STATE 71452

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY DR. EL AMAMI OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRONOMIC RESEARCH THAT MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS DECIEDED TO DELAY ALL PENDING AGRICULTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS IN TUNISIA (INCLUDING SUBJECT PROJECT) UNTIL 1976. THIS DECISION MADE BECAUSE POOR RAINS DURING RECENT GROWING SEASON MAKE THIS AN"UNTYPICAL YEAR" FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. MINISTRY WILL PRESUMABLY GIVE GO-AHEAD TO ALL DELAYED PROJECTS NEXT YEAR IF CLIMATIC CONDITIONS ARE MORE FAVORABLE. THIS DECISION EXPLAINS DELAYS CITED TUNIS 343, SINCE IT EVIDENT THAT MINISTRY WAS WITHHOLDING APPROVAL FOR SUBJECT PROJECT IN HOPES OF IMPROVED WEATHER.

2. DR. EL AMAMI IS UNDERSTANDABLY UNHAPPY ABOUT THIS DECISION BUT HOPES THAT NOAAUWILL BE ABLE TO FUND PROJECT NEXT YEAR. EMBASSY HAS ASKED HIM TO PROVIDE WRITTEN
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STATEMENT OF HIS DESIRE TO RESUME PROJECT IN 1976, WHICH

EMBASSY WILL FORWARD TO NOAA UPON RECEIPT.

3. EMBASSY VERY MUCH REGRETS DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING THIS
IMPORTANT SFCP AND HOPES THAT NOAA WILL BE ABLE SUPPORT
PROJECT NEXT YEAR. PLEASE ADVISE HOW THIS DECISION MAY
AFFECT FUNDING FOR SFC PROGRAM IN FY 75, CITED STATE 71452.
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